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Letter dated 19 September 2008 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairperson of the Second Committee

I have the honour to inform you of the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its sixty-third session, on 19 September 2008, pertaining to the allocation of items to the Second Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/63/250). Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

I also wish to draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections III and IV of the same report concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

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Second Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

2. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [item 38].

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

3. Information and communication technologies for development [item 46].

4. Macroeconomic policy questions [item 47]:

   (a) International trade and development;

   (b) International financial system and development;

   (c) External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries;

   (d) Commodities.

5. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference [item 48].

6. Sustainable development [item 49]:

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

   (b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

   (c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

   (d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

   (f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

   (g) Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session.

7. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) [item 50].

8. Globalization and interdependence [item 51]:

   (a) Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence;

   (b) International migration and development;

   (c) Culture and development;

   (d) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

   (e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.

9. Groups of countries in special situations [item 52]:

   (a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

   (b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

10. Eradication of poverty and other development issues [item 53]:

   (a) Implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017);

   (b) Industrial development cooperation.

11. Operational activities for development [item 54].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

12. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 110].

13. Programme planning [item 119].